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Invention: STRAIN CONTROL DEVICE FOR ATTACHING  
TRANSMISSION LINES TO DEFORMABLE STRUCTURES AND  
METHODS EMPLOYING SAME

Applicant(s): Thomas W. Higgs

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Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the amendments as set forth herein is respectfully solicited.